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**ROCKLIN MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS, THREE MONTHS
FOR ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY AT ARDEN BRANCH POST OFFICE**

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that Rocklin resident Loyd Bert Conklin, age 45, of Placer County, California, was sentenced to five years and three months in federal prison for attempting to rob a postal motor vehicle driver at the Arden Branch Post Office

On September 6, 2000, Conklin attempted to rob a postal employee at gunpoint in the trailer section of his mail transport tractor-trailer. Conklin ordered the victim to "give up the bag," referring to a registered mail sack. The postal employee then grabbed the barrel of Conklin's pistol, a brief struggle ensued, and one round was discharged. However, no injuries were sustained. The postal employee managed to take the gun from Conklin, who then fled the area on foot.

Sacramento Sheriff's Deputies and U.S. Postal Inspectors responded to the site and recovered a Smith & Wesson .357 Revolver with one spent casing and five live rounds.

On September 8, 2000, a federal arrest warrant was issued charging Conklin with Robbery of a Post Office. Sacramento Postal Inspector Matt MacMillan subsequently arrested Conklin without incident in Rocklin, California.

On February 7, 2001, Conklin pleaded guilty to Assault of a Postal Employee with Intent to Rob.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and was prosecuted by Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Carolyn Delaney.

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